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## PLANT AMINOACYL-tRNA SYNTHETASE <u>ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE</u>

This invention relates to an isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding an

aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase. The invention also relates to the construction of a chimeric gene encoding all or a portion of the aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase, in sense or antisense orientation, wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of altered levels of the aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase in a transformed host cell.

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